

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

July 12, 2005

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld  
Secretary of Defense  
The Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Rumsfeld:

We would like to bring these statements to your immediate attention:

*"Food items were being brought into the base that were outdated or expired as much as a year. We were told by KBR food service managers to use these items anyway. The food was fed to the troops."*

*"For trucks that were hit by convoy fire and bombings, we were told to go into the trucks and remove the food items and use them after removing the bullets and any shrapnel from the bad food that was hit. We were told to turn the removed bullets over to the managers for souvenirs."*

These quotes are included in testimony before our Policy Committee from Rory Mayberry, who is a former food production manager of KBR, a subsidiary of Halliburton. He was referring to food that was fed to U.S. troops who are fighting in Iraq.

The testimony includes other very troublesome claims about waste, fraud and abuse, but we wanted to especially highlight for you these specific allegations -- by a former food production manager of Halliburton -- that U.S. troops fighting in Iraq are being fed food items that are expired by as much as a year, or that have been damaged by bullets and shrapnel. We hope you will agree with us that there needs to be an immediate and full investigation.

Mr. Mayberry's testimony also includes a description of how KBR managers told him not to speak to auditors. The managers themselves, he said, would leave the base or hide from government auditors when they were on the base. The managers threatened KBR employees with being sent to camps under more intense attack as a way to keep them from talking to government auditors.

We trust you will find this testimony as alarming as we do. The testimony demands an immediate and full investigation.

Please investigate this immediately and report back to the Congress what actions are being taken to promptly rectify these problems.

Sincerely,

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